

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2230-01
Bill No.: HB 939
Subject: Counties; Courts; Judges
Type: Original
Date: April 19, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Attorney General** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed legislation would remove the population requirements for determining the number of associate circuit judges. As drafted, CTS has no way of determining what, if any, costs or savings there might be to the state.

Oversight assumes the number of associate circuit judges will be dependent on the General Assembly and will be subject to appropriations. Therefore, the proposal will have no fiscal impact on the Office of State Courts Administrator

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposal removes the population requirements for determining the number of associate circuit judges. Under current law, the number of associate circuit judges per county is determined by population on the basis of the last decennial census or annual population estimates prepared by the United States Bureau of the Census, and the number of associate circuit judges can be adjusted only after three consecutive years indicating the required population.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Attorney General
Office of State Courts Administrator

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Director

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